Sale of eatables in running trains

†1141. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that eatables are sold by unauthorised persons at double rates in running trains, except in "Shatabdi and Rajdhani Express"; and

(b) if so, the concrete steps taken by the Government so far to check this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Unauthorised hawking on Railway stations and trains is a punishable offence under the Railways Act, 1989 and checks are conducted regularly to prevent unauthorised hawking.

(b) Railway administration conducts special drives from time to time to control unauthorised hawking through prosecution and imposing penalties on such activities. As a result of checks conducted during the last three years *viz.* 1999, 2000 and 2001, as many as 50907, 59639 and 80514 unauthorised hawkers and vendors had been apprehended respectively.

Railway projects in Madhya Pradesh

1142. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present on-going railway projects and surveys in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the reasons for slow progress and the expenditure incurred thereon so far, alongwith the estimated cost thereof, project-wise;

(c) by when, these projects are likely to be completed; and

(d) the funds allocated to each project during 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) Details of the present on-going projects are given as under:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Rs. in crores

Sl. No.	Plan	Project	Km.	Anticipated Cost	Anticipated Expenditure upto Mar. 2002	Budget Outlay 2000-01	Budget Outlay 2001-02	Budget Outlay 2002-03	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	New Lines	Lalitpur-Satna and Rewa-Singrauli	541	925	5.27	5	5	30	Work is being taken up in phases. Final location survey from Lalitpur-Khajuraho (167 km.) and Mahoba-Khajuraho (66km.) has been completed. Land acquisition have been processed. Tenders for bridges have been processed. Work would be taken up once land is made available by State Government.
2.	New Lines	Guna-Etawah	348	400	293.95	25	25	40	Guna-Gwalior and Gwalior-Bhind sections have already been completed. Work on last phase between Bhind-Etawah is in progress. The work is expected to be completed in about 2 years period after handing over of land by U.P. Government.
3.	New Lines	Ramganjmandi-Bhopal	262	425	0.25	1	5	20	Final location survey completed. Preparation of plans and estimate has been taken up. Land papers have been submitted to State Government.
4.	New Lines	Godhra-Indore & Dewas-Maksi	316	597	48.73	10	15	22.1	This work is being executed in phases. The first phase work

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
									between Dewas and Maksi has been completed. Preparation of plans and estimate between Indore and Godhra has been taken up.
5.	Gauge Conversion	Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat-Katangi	285	510.53	26.29	16.83	15	44	Final location survey has been completed. In Phase-I work has been taken up on Gondia-Balaghat (42 km.) section. Earthwork on available stretches upto formation level and bridges has been completed. Bridge on Bagh river (7x60') is in progress which will take about a year for completion. On Phase-II between Jabalpur-Balaghat section, land acquisition in 12 km. stretch have been processed. Geo-technical survey for Narmada bridge is in progress.
6.	Gauge Conversion	Neemuch-Ratlam	135	116.74	14.57	5	15	25	Work on long lead items like earthwork and briges has been taken up. The work will be progressed and completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.
7.	Doubling	Bolai-Kalisindh-Kisoni-Bercha	25.66	49.29	45.31	16	0.1	0.9	Completed and commissioned.
8.	Doubling	Kalapipal-Phanda/ Maksi-Bhopal	41.49	53	0.01	0.1	1	31	This work is of low operational priority.

These works are in various stages of progress and will be completed in the coming years as per their operational requirements and availability of resources.

ONGOING SURVEYS IN MADHYA PRADESH

Sl.	Name of the project	Length (Km.)
1.	New Line Shispar-Mhow	185
2.	New Line Khandwa to Nardana *via* Khargone, Sendhwa	225
3.	New Line Bhind-Orai-Harpalpur	210
4.	New Line Ramtek to Gotegaon *via* Khawasa, Seoni and Dhuma	240
5.	New Line Bilaspur to Jabalpur	372
6.	New Line Rajnandgaon-Jabalpur	300
7.	New Line Bisrampur-Jabalpur	372
8.	New Line Katangi-Tirodi	20
9.	New Line Dungarpur to Ratlam *via* Banswara	200
10.	Gauge conversion of Chhindwara-Nainpur	140
11.	Gauge conversion of Chhindwara-Nagpur	150
12.	Gauge conversion of Pulgaon-Arvi GC with exten. to Amla	154
13.	Doubling of Ujjain-Indore	80

Failure of Chain Pulling System

1143. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Passengers force train to reverse after man falls off" published in the Hindustan Times dated 10th July, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Mussoorie Express was hijacked and passengers forced the driver to run it back to pick up one of their fellow passengers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether chain pulling system in the train was ineffective, leading to passengers forcing the driver to run the train backwards; and

(e) if so, the facts thereof and the steps taken by the railways to check such incidents in future?